

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: June 11, 2002

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5

CONSENT:

REGULAR: X

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ACTION:

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: Lead Paint Clearance Testing Reimbursements

RECOMMENDATION:

Appropriate \$7,200 to the City/Federal/State Aid projects fund, for the reimbursement of lead clearance testing expenses.

SUMMARY:

The City, as a CDBG and HOME Entitlement City with HUD, is eligible to receive up to \$150 per dwelling unit for clearance testing in housing covered by HUD's new Lead Safety Regulations. HUD is providing this funding to grantees to help ensure that children are protected from lead poisoning in federally assisted housing. HUD contracted with Destiny Management Services, LLS (DMS) as the paying agent for disbursement of payment for lead-based paint clearance examinations that are completed.

Staff has estimated that during the eligible work period of October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002 that 48 units will have clearance examinations completed by Lynchburg Community Action Group (Lyn-Cag) and Lynchburg Neighborhood Development Foundation (LNDF).

Staff recommends acceptance of these funds so that the referenced agencies can be reimbursed for their efforts in complying with the "Rule" and providing a lead-safe environment for children.

PRIOR ACTION(S):

June 4, 2002 – Finance and Planning Committee

FISCAL IMPACT:

None - the grant funds are fully reimbursable from HUD.

CONTACT(S):

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Grant Award Letter

REVIEWED BY:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that \$7,200 is appropriated to the City/Federal/State Aid Projects Fund, with resources of \$7,200 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to provide reimbursement for clearance testing completed on single-family housing units for lead abatement.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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Dear HUD CDBG and/or HOME Grantee:

Enclosed are materials that will enable **you** to receive up to \$150 per dwelling unit for clearance testing in your housing covered by HUD's new Lead Safety Regulation. HUD is providing nearly \$10,000,000 to grantees to help ensure that children are protected from lead poisoning in Federally assisted housing. The materials implement HUD Notice OHHLHC 01-01, Availability of Funds for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Grantees for Clearance Testing Required by HUD's New Lead Safety Regulation (available at www.hud.gov/offices/lead).

In implementing the Notice, the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control contracted with Destiny Management Services, LLC, of Beltsville, MD, to process your payment requests. Each grantee that chooses to take this opportunity will:

- Estimate the number of units to have lead hazard reduction work within the year,
- Identify the units actually examined and provide copies of the clearance examination invoices for each unit (invoices may be sent in batches), and
- Provide clearance examination reports and backup documents for a fraction of the units when requested to help ensure the quality of the work.

In most cases, the Contractor will commit funds based on the estimate of the number of units. Should an estimate be submitted after all funds are committed, the Contractor will put the request for funds on a wait list.

HUD recognizes that the transition to comply with the revised Lead Safe Housing Rule is challenging. I want to acknowledge the time and effort of representatives of the grantees and public interest groups who worked with the staff of our Offices to make this project a reality.

If you have policy questions, please contact Dr. Robert F. Weisberg, of the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control at (202) 755-1785, extension 113, or Robert_F_Weisberg@HUD.gov. If you have operational questions, please contact Destiny, at 1-888-937-9690 (toll-free) or grantee@destinymgmtsvcs.com.

Sincerely,

Roy A. Bernardi
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure